



MINNESOTA BOARD OF
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BOARD MEMORANDUM

JANUARY 26, 2022

TO: All Board Members
Stephen Melchionne, Assistant Attorney General

FROM: Paul Vogel, LS, Board Chair

SUBJECT: **JANUARY 2022 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**
Webex
9:03 AM

The Board held its regularly scheduled meeting on the above-mentioned date, time, and location.

- 1) **QUORUM CALL**
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| Paul Vogel, LS, Chair | Daniel Kelsey, PE |
| Keith Rapp, PG, Vice Chair | Erica Larson, CID |
| Denise Kazmierczak, PE, Secretary | Jami Neiber, PM - Absent |
| Melisa Rodriguez, PE, Treasurer | Meg Parsons, FAIA - Absent |
| Dan Baar, LS | Tari Rayala, Architect - Absent |
| Paul Brandt, PSS | Claudia Reichert, CID |
| Rachel Dwyer, PM | Scott Robinson, LA |
| Eric Friske, JD, PM | Graham Sones, LA |
| Sally Grans Korsh, FAIA | David Stenseth, CPA, PM |
| Scott Holm, M. Ed, CBO, PM | Travis Thul, D. Eng., PE |
| Nirmal Jain, PE | |

OTHERS:

Doreen Johnson, Executive Director
Kay Weiss, Assistant Executive Director
Stephen Melchionne, Assistant Attorney General
Dillon Lang, Investigator
Mary Roguski, OASI
Christie Vereide, OASI

Guests:

Brian Clement

Anthony Djonne, DNR

Mike Drewyor, NCEES Central Zone Vice President

2) The Board met under Open Meeting Law 13D.015. A Board member was present at 85 East 7th Place, St. Paul, MN for the duration of the meeting. The public was able to participate.

3) INTRODUCTIONS

4) READING AND APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 18, 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MSP: To approve the November 18, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

Roll call vote:

Paul Vogel: yes

Rachel Dwyer: yes

Erica Larson: yes

Keith Rapp: yes

Eric Friske: yes

Scott Robinson: yes

Denise Kazmierczak: yes

Sally Grans Korsh: yes

Graham Sones: yes

Melisa Rodriguez: yes

Scott Holm: yes

David Stenseth: yes

Daniel Barr: yes

Nirmal Jain: yes

Travis Thul: yes

Paul Brandt: yes

Daniel Kelsey: no response

5) COMPLAINT COMMITTEE REPORT (E. Friske, Committee Chair) – The Complaint Committee requested a closed session to deal with enforcement matters

****Claudia Reichert joined the meeting.***

The Board issued Orders for the following:

A) Larry Hedlund

B) Peter Tranby

C) Melissa Finseth

D) Joel Kath

E) Rajesh Arumugam

F) David Schlangen

G) Ronald Hommerding

H) Darin Syverson

****Nirmal Jain left the meeting.***

****Graham Sones left the meeting.***

MSP: To approve the Complaint Committee Report

Roll call vote:

Paul Vogel: yes	Rachel Dwyer: yes	Erica Larson: yes
Keith Rapp: yes	Eric Friske: yes	Claudia Reichert: yes
Denise Kazmierczak: yes	Sally Grans Korsh: yes	Scott Robinson: yes
Melisa Rodriguez: yes	Scott Holm: yes	David Stenseth: yes
Daniel Barr: yes	Daniel Kelsey: yes	Travis Thul: yes
Paul Brandt: yes		

- 6) RULES COMMITTEE REPORT (C. Reichert, Committee Chair)
 - A) No meeting held

- 7) CREDENTIALING COMMITTEE REPORT (R. Dwyer, Committee Chair)
 - A) No meeting held

- 8) ARCHITECT, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT AND CERTIFIED INTERIOR DESIGNER (ALACID) SECTION REPORT (S. Robinson, Section Chair)
 - A) No meeting held

- 9) ENGINEER, LAND SURVEYOR AND GEOSCIENCE (ELSGEO) SECTION REPORT (M. Rodriguez, Section Chair)
 - A) No meeting held

- 10) EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT (P. Vogel, Chair)
 - A) Internal Controls – Discussed
 - B) MNDOT potential legislation on engineering certifications – Discussed under old business
 - C) COVID protocols – Discussed that March meeting likely to be held via Webex
 - D) Employee Parking – Request to increase Board subsidy for staff parking

MP: To approve an increase in the staff parking subsidy to \$100 per month

Roll call vote:

Paul Vogel: yes	Rachel Dwyer: yes	Claudia Reichert: yes
Keith Rapp: yes	Eric Friske: yes	Scott Robinson: yes
Denise Kazmierczak: no response	Sally Grans Korsh: yes	David Stenseth: yes
Melisa Rodriguez: yes	Scott Holm: yes	Travis Thul: yes
Daniel Barr: yes	Daniel Kelsey: yes	
Paul Brandt: yes	Erica Larson: yes	

- E) Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) Council of Examiners/Task Analysis Survey Workshops, April 5-8, in Albany, NY. Request for authorization for Keith Rapp to attend.

MP: To approve Keith Rapp to attend

Roll call vote:

Paul Vogel: yes	Rachel Dwyer: yes	Claudia Reichert: yes
Keith Rapp: yes	Eric Friske: yes	Scott Robinson: yes
Denise Kazmierczak: yes	Sally Grans Korsh: yes	David Stenseth: yes
Melisa Rodriguez: yes	Scott Holm: yes	Travis Thul: yes
Daniel Barr: yes	Daniel Kelsey: yes	
Paul Brandt: yes	Erica Larson: yes	

MSP: To accept Executive Committee Report

Roll call vote:

Paul Vogel: yes	Rachel Dwyer: yes	Claudia Reichert: no response
Keith Rapp: yes	Eric Friske: yes	Scott Robinson: yes
Denise Kazmierczak: yes	Sally Grans Korsh: yes	David Stenseth: yes
Melisa Rodriguez: yes	Scott Holm: yes	Travis Thul: yes
Daniel Barr: yes	Daniel Kelsey: yes	
Paul Brandt: yes	Erica Larson: yes	

****Graham Sones joined the meeting.***

- 11) TREASURER'S REPORT (M. Rodriguez, Treasurer)

- A) Budget and Revenue Reports – Operating under budget currently

MSP: To accept Treasurer's report

Roll call vote:

Paul Vogel: yes	Rachel Dwyer: yes	Claudia Reichert: yes
Keith Rapp: yes	Eric Friske: yes	Scott Robinson: yes
Denise Kazmierczak: yes	Sally Grans Korsh: yes	Graham Sones: yes
Melisa Rodriguez: yes	Scott Holm: yes	David Stenseth: yes
Daniel Barr: yes	Daniel Kelsey: yes	Travis Thul: yes
Paul Brandt: yes	Erica Larson: yes	

- 12) EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT (D. Johnson, Executive Director)

- A) Minnesota Campaign Finance Board – Discussed requirement of Board members to annually recertify statement of economic interest

- B) NCEES Central/Southern Zone Interim Meeting, April 21-23, 2022, in Oklahoma City – Request authorization to attend for two additional Board members and the Assistant Executive Director

MSP: To approve attendance for two additional Board members and Assistant Executive Director

Paul Vogel: yes	Rachel Dwyer: yes	Claudia Reichert: yes
Keith Rapp: yes	Eric Friske: yes	Scott Robinson: yes
Denise Kazmierczak: yes	Sally Grans Korsh: yes	Graham Sones: yes
Melisa Rodriguez: yes	Scott Holm: yes	David Stenseth: yes
Daniel Barr: yes	Daniel Kelsey: yes	Travis Thul: yes
Paul Brandt: yes	Erica Larson: yes	

- C) NCARB Regional Conference, March 3-5, 2022, Charlotte, NC. Event may be hybrid on-line/in person event. Request authorization to attend.

MSP: To approve attendance for up to three Board members and Executive Director at NCARB Regional Conference

Paul Vogel: yes	Rachel Dwyer: yes	Claudia Reichert: yes
Keith Rapp: yes	Eric Friske: yes	Scott Robinson: yes
Denise Kazmierczak: yes	Sally Grans Korsh: yes	Graham Sones: yes
Melisa Rodriguez: yes	Scott Holm: yes	David Stenseth: yes
Daniel Barr: yes	Daniel Kelsey: yes	Travis Thul: yes
Paul Brandt: no response	Erica Larson: yes	

- D) Policy updates on COVID protocols – Discussed
E) Internal Controls – The Executive Director provided the Internal Controls Office the resolution of the OLA outstanding audit findings
F) Open appointments – There are three openings for 2022: two professional engineer positions and one landscape architect position

MSP: To accept Executive Director’s report

Roll call vote:

Paul Vogel: yes	Rachel Dwyer: yes	Claudia Reichert: yes
Keith Rapp: yes	Eric Friske: yes	Scott Robinson: yes
Denise Kazmierczak: yes	Sally Grans Korsh: yes	Graham Sones: yes
Melisa Rodriguez: yes	Scott Holm: yes	David Stenseth: yes
Daniel Barr: yes	Daniel Kelsey: yes	Travis Thul: yes
Paul Brandt: yes	Erica Larson: yes	

13) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A) *In the Matter of Virginia M. Carlson vs. AELSLAGID* legal update (S. Melchionne, Assistant Attorney General) – Petition for review has been denied by the Minnesota Supreme Court. Plaintiff has until April 8 to petition to U.S. Supreme Court.

- B) MNDOT potential legislation on engineering certifications – MNDOT withdrawing the legislation; they will instead submit a variance request for Board consideration.

14) NEW BUSINESS

- A) NCEES Update (M. Drewyor, NCEES Central Zone Vice President) – Mr. Drewyor presented on NCEES’ current state and future initiatives
- B) Continuing education exemption request – Licensee requested an exception under Minnesota Statute 326.107, Supb.4

MSP: To approve continuing education exemption request

Roll call vote:

Paul Vogel: yes	Rachel Dwyer: yes	Claudia Reichert: yes
Keith Rapp: yes	Eric Friske: yes	Scott Robinson: yes
Denise Kazmierczak: yes	Sally Grans Korsh: yes	Graham Sones: yes
Melisa Rodriguez: yes	Scott Holm: yes	David Stenseth: yes
Daniel Barr: yes	Daniel Kelsey: yes	Travis Thul: yes
Paul Brandt: yes	Erica Larson: yes	

- C) Applicant request for variance from Minnesota Rule 1800.1500 Subp.3

MSP: To approve proposed variance request

Roll call vote:

Paul Vogel: yes	Rachel Dwyer: yes	Claudia Reichert: yes
Keith Rapp: yes	Eric Friske: no response	Scott Robinson: yes
Denise Kazmierczak: yes	Sally Grans Korsh: yes	Graham Sones: no response
Melisa Rodriguez: yes	Scott Holm: yes	David Stenseth: yes
Daniel Barr: yes	Daniel Kelsey: yes	Travis Thul: yes
Paul Brandt: no response	Erica Larson: yes	

- D) NCARB and CIDQ Joint Report on Architecture and Interior Design – Discussed

- E) Licensee Report

MSP: To approve Licensee Report

Roll call vote:

Paul Vogel: yes	Rachel Dwyer: yes	Claudia Reichert: yes
Keith Rapp: yes	Eric Friske: yes	Scott Robinson: yes
Denise Kazmierczak: yes	Sally Grans Korsh: yes	Graham Sones: yes
Melisa Rodriguez: yes	Scott Holm: yes	David Stenseth: yes
Daniel Barr: yes	Daniel Kelsey: yes	Travis Thul: yes
Paul Brandt: yes	Erica Larson: yes	

- F) NCEES reaches settlement with test prep provider over allegations of copyright infringement – Discussed

- G) December 2021 NCARB data for Minnesota - Discussed

- H) Exam Results Summary – Fall 2021 Geology. Keith Rapp reported that Minnesota pass rates exceeded the national average.
 - I) 2021 Minnesota Land Surveyor Examination (MNLS) and MNLS Examination Writing Workshop – Discussed
 - J) NCEES CEO David Cox Op-Ed “Downgrading Licensing Will Weaken Consumer Protections” published in *The Hill* – Discussed
- 15) PUBLIC COMMENT – None
- 16) ADJOURN

MSP: To adjourn at 11:41 am

Roll call vote: none

Next Meeting: March 16, 2022 via Webex